[Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai.]

(*b*) What portion, if any, of these articles is directly delivered at the Travancore Ports?

(*c*) In case these articles are imported through British India, do the Government pay for their import duties there? What is the amount so paid annually?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The value of goods imported from outside India for the use of the several departments in 1097 was Rs. 2,68,531-12-0.

(*b*) All the goods imported from foreign countries are shipped to Alleppey, either direct or by transhipment at Colombo or Bombay, to coasting steamers for Alleppey.

(*c*) Till now no duty has been paid. For the future, intimation has been received that duty will be levied on goods imported through the British Indian Ports, and consequently arrangements are being made for the delivery of the articles at Alleppey itself.

Effect of Enhanced Anchal Rates.

201. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to give detailed information regarding the effect of the recently increased Anchal rates on the number of letters and Anchal cards posted?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: A statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Women in Police Custody.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of assaults on, or other improper behaviour to, women in police custody by Police officers, during the last ten years?

(*b*) How were these cases dealt with?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to make proper arrangements for the protection of women in custody?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) One.

(*b*) The offender who was a constable was dismissed the Force.

(*c*) Answers to (*a*) & (*b*) do not show that the existing arrangements are unsatisfactory.

Communications in the Karunagapalli Taluk.

202. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing:

(i) the annual revenue,

(ii) the annual expenditure on means of communication, and

(iii) the population,

of the Karunagapalli taluk?

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